

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended): Milling tool comprising a milling body rotatable around a geometrical axis, said body having an envelope surface extending rearward from a front end, in which body a plurality of tangentially spaced flutes are formed, which separately includes a plurality of axially spaced-apart insert pockets for releasably mounted cutting inserts, the active edges of the cutting inserts of the same flute partially overlapping each other in imaginary, radially extending overlapping planes, wherein a first insert pocket located closest to the front end, together with the appurtenant cutting insert in a first flute, has another length than the other inset pockets and the cutting inserts, respectively, in the same flute in order to axially displace said overlapping planes in relation to the overlapping planes between the cutting inserts in a row of cutting inserts in a second, nearby flute, wherein the body includes an even number of flutes and insert rows, respectively. wherein the front cutting insert in every second flute has another length than the other cutting inserts in the same flute.

2. (Previously Presented): Milling tool according to claim 1, wherein said first cutting insert in said first flute is longer than the other cutting inserts in the same flute.

3. (Previously Presented): Milling tool according to claim 1, wherein the first cutting insert in said first flute has a length that deviates by approximately 50% from the length of the other cutting inserts in the same flute to locate the overlapping planes between the cutting

inserts in the first flute approximately halfway between the ends of the edges of the cutting inserts in the second flute.

4. (Previously Presented): Milling tool according to claim 2, wherein said other cutting inserts in said first flute are equally long as all cutting inserts in the second flute.

5. (Currently Amended): Milling tool according to claim 1, comprising ~~[[an]] at least four even number of flutes and insert rows, respectively, amounting to at least four, wherein the front cutting insert in every second flute has another length than the other cutting inserts in the same flute.~~

6. (Currently Amended): A milling tool comprising:
a milling body rotatable around a geometrical axis, said milling body including an envelope surface extending rearward from a front end, a plurality of tangentially spaced flutes formed in the milling body, which separately include a plurality of axially spaced-apart insert pockets for releasably mounted cutting inserts,
wherein active edges of the cutting insets of the same flute partially overlap each other in imaginary, radially extending overlapping planes, ~~[[and]]~~
wherein a first insert pocket located closest to the front end, together with the appurtenant cutting insert in a first flute, has a length different than the other inset pockets and the cutting inserts, respectively, in the same flute, and has a first overlapping plane axially displaced in relation to an overlapping plane between the cutting inserts in a row of cutting inserts in a second, nearby flute,

wherein the body includes an even number of flutes and insert rows, respectively,

wherein the front cutting insert in every second flute has another length than the other cutting inserts in the same flute, and

wherein the cutting inserts are subject to a uniform load.

7. (New): Milling tool according to claim 1, wherein the cutting inserts are arranged to subject each to a uniform load.